

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S
POOR RELIEF HEARING
JULY 7, 2009**

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at 11:00 a. m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: Vice President David S. Byers and Member Thomas P. Murtaugh. Also present were Attorney Dave Luhman, Deputy Auditor Dawn Rivera and Secretary Jennifer Prange.

Commissioner Byers called the meeting to order.

POOR RELIEF REQUEST – IVOR W. BRODERICK

The appellant Ivor W. Broderick was not present.

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist reported Ivor Broderick notified the commissioner's office this morning that he would be unable to attend due to a family issue. Matthew F. Koehler, Wea Township Trustee was notified and Mr. Koehler stated he was not willing to postpone the hearing. Mr. Koehler stated taxpayers dollars have been spent to provide representation for the township and he is unwilling to spend additional funds on this case.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to deny the request for a continuance, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.

Attorney Timothy Broden spoke on behalf of Matthew F. Koehler. Also present was Roseanne Giltner, Mr. Koehler's assistant. Mr. Broden reported Mr. Broderick filed an application for rent assistance on June 4, 2009 and failed to provide the necessary information. Mr. Broderick failed to make a scheduled appointment with the township to finalize the application.

Ms. Giltner stated on June 4, 2009 Ivor W. Broderick filled out an application for rent assistance at which time a form was issued identifying the required documentation and an appointment was scheduled to complete the application with the township. She reported the landlord agreement was not completed or returned to the township and he failed to return on June 10, 2009 for his scheduled appointment. On June 16, 2009 a PR-1; Denial of Assistance was issued to the appellant. On June 23, Mr. Broderick brought in the required paperwork and complained about the decision made by the township. Mr. Broderick was notified by Ms. Giltner of the appeal process with the county commissioners.

Roseanne Giltner reported assistance would not have been granted regardless; the paperwork Mr. Broderick provided after the denial stated June rent had already been paid. Ms. Giltner explained the township provides financial assistance only for the current rent due. She added the appellant is eligible to apply for assistance again 30 days from the denial of the previous application.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to deny the claim based on the failure to appear as well as the information provided by the township at the hearing, second by Commissioner Byers; motion carried.
- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to adjourn.

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John L. Knochel, President

David S. Byers, Vice President

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ATTEST:

Jennifer Weston, Auditor